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TAGS: SHUM AR
SUBJECT: (C) APPARENT DISAPPEARANCE OF PST MEMBERS

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. WE HAVE LEARNED OF THE ARREST AND APPARENT
DISAPPEARANCE OF 3 PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF
ROSARIO EARLIER THIS MONTH.

3. ON MAY 14 A RELIABLE HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCE TOLD US
THAT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED:

ARRESTED ON MAY 7:

FRANCISCO PENA (WORKER)

GRACIELA GONZALES (TEACHER AND COMPANION OF PENA)

NICOLAS CRISTOFARO (BANK WORKER)

"BABY" PENA (BROTHER OF FRANCISCO AND MENTALLY DEFICIENT)

MARCELO PENA (MINOR BROTHER OF FRANCISCO)

FNU TARQUINI

ARRESTED MAY 11:

LEON BERDYCHEVSKY

ALICIA GEROSA (WIFE OF BERDYCHEVSKY)

FERNANDO MARIO SANFILIPPE (RELATIVE OF BERDYCHEVSKY)

4. ACCORDING TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCE, ALL OF
THESE ARRESTS WERE MADE BY UNIFORMED ARMY PERSONNEL.
ALSO ALL ARRESTS ARE RELATED TO A CRACKDOWN
ON THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY (PST), A NON-VIOLENT PARTY OUTLAWED X
AS SUBVERSIVE.

ALL THE ADULTS ARRESTED ON MAY 7 ARE PST MEMBERS. THE
ARRESTS ON MAY 11 WERE MADE WHEN THE ARMY UNIT CAME
TO THE RESIDENCE OF BERDYCHEVSKY LOOKING FOR GEROSA'S SON,
WHO IS A PST MEMBER. HE WAS NOT AT HOME BUT THE OTHER RESIDENTS
OF THE HOUSE, WHO ARE NOT PST MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED.

5. SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO LOCATE THESE PEOPLE IN
POLICE AND ARMY DETENTION CENTERS HAVE BEEN MET WITH
DENIALS THAT THEY ARE BEING HELD. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE
ARRESTEES WAS ALLEGEDLY BRIEFLY SEEN AT THE ROSARIO FEDERAL
POLICE DETENTION CENTER MAY 8.

6. AMBASSADOR WILL RAISE THESE APPARENT DISAPPEARANCES WITH ARMY
COMMANDER GALTIERI.

7. THESE EVENTS IN ROSARIO HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPORTED
BY THE PRESS. HOWEVER, THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD AND LA
PRENSA MAY 14 REPORT THAT THE LEADER OF THE LEFTIST
"INTRANSIGENTE" PARTY, OSCAR ALLENDE, HAS PUBLICLY
PROTESTED THE JAILING OF 11 MEMBERS OF HIS YOUTH WING
IN THE PROVINCIAL CITY OF CONCORDIA. LIKE ROSARIO,
CONCORDIA IS LOCATED IN THE SECOND ARMY COMMAND.
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